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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61014

Yoji IKAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/670,568

Group Art Unit: 1642

Confirmation No.: 5597

Examiner: Yu, M.

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For:

HUMAN p51 GENES AND GENE PRODUCTS THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003. The examiner set a three month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a three-month extension of time, making the due date for response January 14, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as shown on the following pages.